



WAIANAE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 WAIANAE COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cynthia Rezentes called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Karen Awana, Albert Silva, Josiah Hoohuli, Patty Teruya, Neddie Waiamau-Nunuha, Kaipo Pomaikai, Cynthia Rezentes, Adrian Silva, Alvin Awo, Jo Jordan, Glen Kila, James Manaku, and Frank Slocum.

MEMBERS' ABSENT: Kimo Kelii and Suzanne Leonida.

GUESTS: Clayton Brown (BWS); Lt. Jeff Bruchal (Honolulu Police Department), Capt. Mitch Kiyuna (Honolulu Police Department), Al Delecomio, Mandy Searle, J.Y. Morgan, Bobby Poloa, Anuila Poloa, Ed Lauer (Sea Country Association), Melissa Lauer (Sea County Association), Mata Tiave, Deborah Taylor, Albert Mier, Bonnie Hanohano, Quincy Hanohano, Jacque Garcia, Cherlyn Landford, Darrell Landford, Duke Mier, Maria Tabanera, Rolando Shanklin, Paul O. Paaaina, Nigel Kawai, Ron Schaedel, Daniel S. Quinn (DLNR), Lori Watland (Princess Kahanu Estates), Clarlynn Keamo, Meilin McEnroe, Sylvia Todd, Andrea Przybylinski, Lucy Gay (UH), Lynne Waiamau (HCAP-Leeward), Terry Morris, Jackie Spencer (DPR), Alice Greenwood (Lualualei Ahupuaa), Pat Lee (HHCTCP), Annie Likos, Councilmember Todd Apo, Dana Hileman, Marlana Ward, Jacque Taylor-Lee (Transition Home), Clara Batongbacal, Capt. Francis Nishimura (HFD), Deonne Carden, Matt Miura (Verizon Wireless), Charles Fortner (Verizon Wireless), Melva Aila, Ruby Mauna Kea (Nanaikapono HCC); S.O.R.T: Les Vaun, Evelyn Souza, Charles Freitas, Polly Grace, Jaime Freitas, George Grace, Jeanette Grace, Laurie Miyagawa, Roy Miyagawa, William Aamole, and Laurie Aamole; and Kelley Santiago (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Neddie Waiamau-Nunuha announced that community member, Tom Caldwell had passed away and added that funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. at Mililani Mortuary.

Chair Rezentes entertained a moment of silence in remembrance of Caldwell.

WELCOME/PULE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/HAWAII PONO'I: Chair Rezentes welcomed everyone to the meeting. Glenn Kila gave the Pule. Albert Silva led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Hawaii Pono'i led by Neddie Waiamau-Nunuha.

REPORTS PART ONE:

Honolulu Fire Department – A representative was not present at this time.

Emergency Medical Services – A representative was not present.

Honolulu Police Department – Lt. Jeff Bruchal reported the following for the month of April 2006: (1) Statistics include 1 robbery, 35 burglary, 74 theft, 24 auto theft, 67 theft from vehicle, 78 person, 101 motor vehicle collision, 9 DUI, 1 drug, and 40 criminal property damage cases. (2) Crime Tip of the Month: The graduation season is approaching and a high number of parties and celebrations are anticipated. HPD wishes to shares the Host Liability Law, and it reads as follows: **Any person twenty one years old or older who:** 1. Sells, furnishes, or provides alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of twenty one, OR 2. Owns, occupies, or controls premises on which alcoholic beverages are consumed by anyone under the age of twenty one years old, and who knows of alcoholic beverage consumption by anyone under twenty one years of age on the premises, and who could have reasonably stopped or prevented the drinking of alcoholic beverages by these people. **ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS LAW SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ALL INJURIES OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE INTOXICATED PERSON WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY ONE.** (3) HPD is monitoring Paheehee Road in response to complaints about stolen vehicles and the excessive speeding complaints on Kulaaupuni Rd.



Questions, comments and answers: (1) Waiamau-Nunuha reiterated her concern of cars that are parked in a "No Parking Zone" at intersection of Nanakuli and Pua Avenues. (2) Awo raised concern of inoperable cars that are packed with debris and parked near Maili Elementary School, leaving nowhere for the school's staff to park. (3) Awana requested information on the formula used that dictates the number of officers assigned to a district. Capt. Mitch Kiyuna agreed to follow-up on the response.

7:18 p.m. – Hoohuli arrived. (12 members present)

Waianae Community Area of Responsibility (CAR) – **No report.**

Weed and Seed – No report.

United States Army – LTC Mundell reported the following: (1) The Army has allocated \$5k to assist with beautification projects with area schools. (2) The Army is participating in the Relay for Life event at Waianae High School on Saturday, May 6, 2006. (3) Regarding concerns about chemical munitions, the Army continues to work toward a resolution to the issue. Arrangements are being made for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association (NOAA) and researchers of the University of Hawaii to investigate the issue at sea. (4) A Explosives Safety Guide for Hawaii brochure was distributed.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Kila thanked Col. Killion for the returning of ancestral remains found at Neneu (Pililaau Recreation Center) and allocating \$5k for beautification projects at area schools. (2) Awana thanked the Army for their participation in Make a Difference Day at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School in which 100+ soldiers attended.

United States Navy – Cmdr. Mark Sevilla announced that the Navy would like to do a presentation regarding the use of its facilities at Kalaeloa (Barbers Point).

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of Agenda – Teruya moved seconded by Waiamau-Nunuha to approve the agenda.

Discussion followed: (1) Jordan requested the addition of "Use of Publicity Funds for fiscal year 2007", under Board Business. (2) Awana requested the addition of "Lawai'a/Makau St. bus re-route", under the Transportation Committee Report.

The agenda was unanimously approved as amended, 12-0-0.

Defer Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 7, 2005 – Deferred.

Defer Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 7, 2006 – Deferred.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 7, 2006 – Teruya moved seconded by Waiamau-Nunuha to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

The following correction was made:

- (1) Page 3, Parks & Recreation/Parks Beautification, #2 should read:

The Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 7, 2006 was unanimously, 12-0-0.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 4, 2006 – Teruya moved seconded by Silva to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

The following corrections were made:

- (1) Page 3, Parks & Recreation/Parks Beautification, report should read: "Jordan reported the following: (1) Pokai Bay Canoe Halau –The electric line hook-up is awaiting final inspection by the City and County of Honolulu. (2) Makaha Canoe Halau – Requesting repair of locks through the Department of Parks and Recreation. (3) Kaaupuni Park – Construction to begin within the next

- two months. (4) A meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14. The state parks officials will attend to discuss closure of Keawaula Park.”
- (2) Page 4, Community Concerns, #1 should read: “Manaku raised concern regarding the two hazardous humps in the road between the two Lahilahi Streets in Makaha.”
- (3) Page 6, Paragraph 2, should read: “Jordan mentioned that three Waianae coast board members requested to serve on the committee and has not received a response. Jordan disagreed with the \$2million allocation and stated that \$52 million per year is generated from the landfill. She requested more money be provided to the community.”

The Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 4, 2006 was unanimously approved as amended, 12-0-0.

Approval of Use of FY 07 Publicity Funds for videotaping – Teruya moved seconded by Manaku to approve the use of the fiscal year 2007 publicity funds for the videotaping of the board meetings. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0-0.

7:32 p.m. – Pomaikai arrived. (13 members present)

Treasurer’s Report – Teruya reported the following account balances for May 2006: (1) Operating - \$721.30 (2) Publicity - \$694 (3) Refreshment - \$0

Committee Reports:

Transportation – Awana reported the following: (1) She attended the OMPO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. On behalf of the board, Awana supported Project 60 (rerouting Farrington Hwy. behind Makaha Beach Park, Project 61 (safety improvements along Farrington Hwy.), Project 447 (Bus Transit Center at Leihoku Street), and Project 509 (construction of a mauka access route from Maili to Kunia).

Lawai’a/Makau Street bus re-route – Awana reported that last month, the committee decided to support the rerouting of city buses from Lawai’a and Makau Streets due to low ridership and speeding of buses in the area. It was suggested that the bus be rerouted to turn right on Kili Drive from Farrington Hwy., instead of continuing on to Lawai’a and Makau Streets. The committee presented a resolution to the board for its support.

Discussion followed: (1) Opposition to the re-routing was expressed noting the need for bus service in Makaha and cautioning the elimination of bus routes. A recommendation was made that the issue be deferred back into committee and be further discussed with the City Department of Transportation Services.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee distributed informational brochures regarding the project and noted availability to provide a presentation on the project.

Planning and Zoning – Teruya introduced Clarentia Batonbacal who briefly informed the board on the application submitted by Leeward Land LLC for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to operate a solid waste and landfill facility on Lualualei Naval Road aka Nanakuli B. Batonbacal requested the community’s support in opposing the facility and reported that the issue will be discussed at the Board of Appeals on June 15.

Parks & Recreation – Jordan reported the following: (1) The water system at Keawaula Beach Park will be upgraded to operate automatically. The contractor is ready to begin but is awaiting grading and building permits. She has asked that a ground-breaking ceremony be held at the park. (2) The next committee meeting will be held on May 11, 2006.

Education – Awana reported the following: (1) Kamehameha Schools will provide \$1,053 in funding for each student attending a Charter School on the coast. (2) The Board of Education will meet on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the Queen Liliuokalani Building, 1390 Miller Street, Room 404.

Housing – Manaku reported that the next meeting would be held at the Waianae District Park on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. After researching statistics, Slocum reported that 116 parolees and 123 sex offenders are residents of the Waianae Coast.
2. Chair Rezentes reported the following:
 - A) The Salvation Army in Hawaii was awarded an \$80 million grant to build and help operate a major Ray and Joan Kroc Hawai'i Community Center in Kapolei.
 - B) The Waianae Restoration Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Waianae Public Library.
 - C) Relay for Life in Waianae will take place on Saturday, May 6 at the Waianae High School Stadium.
3. Jackie Spencer reported Summer Fun Registration will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15 and Tuesday May 16. Summer Fun Programs will be available at Makaha, Pililaa, Maili and Nanakuli Parks.
4. Rural Youth Crime Prevention Program – Lorie Kanno explained that the program is a project of the YMCA of Honolulu and the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii. She added that program is a result of a statewide federal grant of \$6 million given to the YMCA of Honolulu in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawaii over the next two years. The After-School Program is targeted for middle school children, but can also serve youth ages ten through seventeen. Research has shown that unsupervised youth who do not participate in activities (3-6pm) are more likely to drink alcohol, do drugs, engage in sex and perform poorly at school. The structure and positive activities provided to these students through the program will address these issues and provide them with opportunities to experience recreation, sports, educational and career support.
5. Silva encouraged everyone to attend a Revival Luau on Saturday, May 13 at the Lady of Keeau facilities in Makaha (former First Hawaiian Bank recreation area). The Annual luau was previously held at Ohikilolo Ranch in Makua. Activities will include pony rides, entertainment and food at no cost.
6. A resident was upset after being informed that informational brochures regarding munitions in Waianae would not be distributed as planned earlier. She reported being that at the request of Chair Rezentes, the brochures were not distributed via school children.

Chair Rezentes disagreed and added that information was printed in the Westside Stories. She added that a colorbook is being produced and has yet to be finalized.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Teruya reported of a half-way house for men and children at 87-225 Maaloa St. Surrounding residents strong opposition of the home. Sheila Mier, Sam Kekumu, Jackie Garcia, Shirlene Lanford, and Terry Morris were among those who raised concerns of traffic, safety, and certification. Neighbors were not informed of the home as required when obtaining permits.

Teruya suggested the issue be referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee for further discussion. She will arrange a meeting with residents.
2. Mark Suiso raised concern of the deteriorating swimming pool at Waianae High School. He added that the condition is very bad and the pool may not be restored.
3. Jordan stated the gate at the entrance of the Nanakuli bridge (emergency access road) be locked as vehicles are driving on the bridge.

The agenda was taken out of order.

Honolulu Fire Department – Capt. Francis Nishimura reported the following for April 2006: (1) Statistics include 38 fires, 145 medical emergencies and 79 miscellaneous alarms. (2) Fire Safety Tip: Prepare a fire escape plan. Map out escape routes with at least two ways out of each room. Designate a location outside of the house where everyone can meet. Know where the closest phone is located to call 911.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Question was raised as to why sirens are needed at night. Capt. Nishimura explained that when responding to a call, whether day or night, the sirens must be turned on according to the traffic code.

The agenda resumed order.

Board of Water Supply – Clayton Brown reported the following: (1) There were no main breaks for the month of April. (2) Water Projects in the District include Waianae Valley Road Water System Improvements, Nankuli Reservoir, Farrington Highway Mains, Phase I (Aliinui Drive to west end of Old Farrington Highway, Makau Street Water System Improvements, and Farrington Highway Mains, Part IV (Jade to Lawaia Street). (3) A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 15 at 2 p.m. at the BWS Conference Room regarding the proposed rate increase. Everyone was encouraged to attend. (4) General Water Announcement: 1. 28th Annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest winner were announced at the April 24 BWS Board meeting. There were no winners from the Wai`anae District. 2. There will be a public hearing on Water rates on May 15, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the BWS Board Room on the 3rd floor of the BWS building on Beretania Street.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Jordan reported that the west-bound lane on Farrington Hwy. near Hakimo Rd. is very bumpy.

The agenda resumed order.

BREAK: The board, by consensus, decided to continue the meeting without a break.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – A representative was not present. The following concerns were raised and will be forward to the Mayor's Representative, Ken Shimizu for follow-up via the Neighborhood Assistant, Kelley Santiago.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Slocum reported that the property located next to the Hawaiian Princess Condominiums in Makaha, aka Lahilahi Botanical Park raises health and fire concerns with its thick brush and many dead trees. He was told previously that DPR would be clean but to date, only the palm trees have been trimmed. Also, squatters are now residing in the vacant area. (2) Manaku raised concern of the standing water surrounding the restrooms at Keeau and Maili Beach Park. (3) Concern was raised in regards to the #40 bus stopping in front of Makaha 7-11, in the right-turn only lane.

Councilmember Todd Apo – Councilmember Apo distributed his report and highlighted the following: (1) City Council is looking into various ways of lowering the real property tax rate.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Concern was raised that there are no sidewalks on Kili Dr. near Makaha Valley Towers. (2) Polly Grace reported that the congregational delegation is working on funding for flooding the along Paakea Rd. and a resolution for the City to acquire the road.

Office of United States Representative Ed Case – Randy Obata reported the following: (1) Molokai General Hospital was selected to begin a demonstration project on what happens between the detection and treatment of cancer, resulting in fatality among minority races. They will receive federal grant for the research.

Governor's Representative – A representative was not present.

Senator Colleen Hanabusa – A representative was not present, but report was distributed.

Representative Michael Kahikina – A representative was not present, but report was distributed.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Yamagata commented on an incident that transpired between himself and Kahikina that took place at the April 6 board meeting in which he was challenged by Kahikina.

Representative Maile Shimabukuro – A representative was not present, but report was distributed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Verizon Wireless request for support for a cell phone antenna in Waianae Valley – Matt Miura was present and reported meeting with members of the Waianae Valley Community Association. He stated that the residents were receptive of the improvement of safety services and additional coverage to be provided by Verizon. Waianae Community Association wrote a letter in support of the request in which Miura asked that a copy of the letter be sent to the board.

In response to Miura's report, several residents raised opposition to the request noting that the surrounding neighbors of the new antennae site were not properly notified. Health and safety concerns were also conveyed.

Teruya moved seconded by Manaku to defer the issue to the Planning and Zoning Committee for more discussion. The motion carried unanimously, 13-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

9:20 p.m. – Slocum left the meeting. (12 members present)

Presentation on the proposed closure of Keawa'ula Beach Park (via signage) at Night – Dan Quinn reported that the closure was proposed as there is not enough staffing to open and close the park. More discussion on the proposal will take place on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Waianae District Park.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Teruya noted her support for the proposal and commended the maintenance of Sand Island Park. (2) Manaku expressed opposition to the closure and requested other alternatives be sought out first.

Public infrastructure Map Revision of Ewa Hawaii Raceway Park, Ewa, Oahu (2006/PIM-10) – Teruya moved seconded by Manaku that the Board the revision of public infrastructure map. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objections, Chair Rezentes adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelley Santiago
Neighborhood Assistant